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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c))

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

The references in the IDS include: an article authored by one of the inventors of the present application -- it being noted that the priority dates and the PCT filing date of the present application is prior to the publication date of the article; and references cited in a European search report of an unrelated case -- but which includes related subject matter.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.


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Respectfully submitted,

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